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TALISMAN SABER 2009

LOCATION OF ACTIVITIES

Exercise Talisman Saber 2009 is an exercise which combines air, land and maritime activities throughout several Australian defence training areas. Depending on the training area, different types of activities will take place.

Activities consist of amphibious (marine) landings, land force manoeuvres, urban operations, air operations and the coordinated firing of live ammunition from a range of in-service weapon systems used by exercise participants.

NORTHERN TERRITORY ACTIVITIES

Talisman Saber 2009 will make use of several training facilities in the Northern Territory including Delamere Range Facility, Bradshaw Field Training Area and Mount Bunday Training Area. Operations in the NT will also include the use of RAAF Tindal and Darwin to support air assets. Other activities in the Northern Territory will include land manoeuvres, Special Forces activities, parachuting, urban operations, air operations and small arms live firing.

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND ACTIVITIES

At the Shoalwater Bay Training Area, activities will involve a combination of amphibious due to its coastal location (marine) landing, parachute landings, and land force manoeuvres. The training area, located northeast of Rockhampton and north of Yeppoon, is recognised as Australia's single most important area for the conduct of amphibious (marine) and combined arms exercises.

Using designated areas within this training area, troops will practice the coordinated firing of live ammunition from a range of weapon systems delivered from land, air, and sea platforms.

NORTH QUEENSLAND ACTIVITIES

Several activities may also take place at the Townsville Field Training Area, west of Townsville. This includes land force manoeuvres, the practice of urban operations, air operations and the coordinated firing of live ammunition and explosive ordnance from a range of in-service weapon systems used by exercise participants. RAAF Base Townsville will be used to support air operations, and Cowley Beach Training Area may also be used to conduct amphibious (marine) landing rehearsals.

MARITIME ACTIVITIES

A substantial component of Exercise Talisman Saber 2009 will occur at sea with forces distributed over the Coral, Timor and Arufura Seas. This may include clearance diving, logistics training at sea, anti-submarine training, use of sonobuoys to locate submarines, and use of active and passive sonar for sub-surface vessel detection. Some gun and missile firing will also occur at sea and the employment of these weapons on impact areas will be consistent with standard operating procedures for other exercises.

